

FIELD HOCKEY FEDERATION, Inc.

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Moorpark College Room 117, on August 21, 2010 at 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Jackie Scally (*President*), Joan Cicchi (*Treasurer*), Tom Harris (*Director of Volunteers*), Dave Jackson (*President Elect*) and Elina C. Lorenzo (*Secretary*).

Board of Directors: Chris Januszewski and Janice Mohr (*Roadrunners*), Bob Fleming and Stephanie Schmidt (*Conejo Bulldogs*), Joe Cardiel and Mano Aaron (*Coyotes*), Merrilee Puccio (*Cougars*), Mike Whitehead (*Coaching*), and Erin Creznic (*Hollywood Field Hockey*).

Also present: Rob Joubert, Randy Sundeen and Laura Kassirer.

Jackie Scally called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Joan Cicchi made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, she was second by Tom Harris, and the minutes were approved by the attendees.

Immediately after, **Joan Cicchi made a motion to approve the Field Hockey Federation, Inc. constitution as was updated on July 29, 2010 and previously distributed to Board Members. She was second by Tom Harris and the motion was approved.**

There were some concerns with regards to item 3.12 in the FHF Bylaws that might be eliminated; however, Joan Cicchi indicated she was going to send a pdf format to all attendees once the corrections were incorporated. **Joan Cicchi further made a motion to approve the Field Hockey Federation, Inc. bylaws as were updated on July 29, 2010. She was second by Tom Harris, and the motion was approved.**

2010 Rules for Fall Season

Mano Aaron indicated the rules had already been forwarded to the members for review and would leave approval for later in order to reconcile all comments.

President Elect Report

Dave Jackson had contacted the USFHA for funds towards building the new **restrooms** and expects to start construction by November 2010. With regards to Life Scan, coaches registered with the USFHA are not required to obtain this screening.

Treasurer's Report:

Joan Cicchi presented the **Balance Sheet** as of July 31, 2010. She indicated there had been a Finance meeting through which it was assessed that the FHF income was not going to be enough to cover the turf replacement, so **she made a motion to assign all funds earned by the Annual Calcup Tournament to the turf replacement fund, retroactive to the 2007 Calcup tournament. She was second by Dave Jackson and the**

motion was passed. Joan Cicchi also clarified that the leagues not always made a profit; besides, these years fees for the leagues had increased since the umpires would be earning more per game, so as to create an incentive towards developing a better and larger pool of umpires. In conclusion, Joan Cicchi stated she would be sending a copy of the Balance Sheet as well as the amended Budget to the Board Members.

With regards to the Budget, ***Joan Cicchi made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget presented by her and amended to increase the annual website fee to \$ 1,000. She was second by Dave Jackson and the motion was approved.***

With regards to the Calcup account, ***Joan Cicchi made a motion to approve the following signators for the Bank of America Calcup Checking Account (10150-14020) to be: Dave Jackson, Joan Cicchi and Billie Ahluwalia, Chair of Calcup. She was second by Tom Harris and the motion was approved.***

Systems' Director Report:

Even though there was no director elected yet, Stephanie Schmidt presented her research on different companies that could provide FHF online registration. She compared all 3 companies and came to the conclusion that League Athletics would be the most adequate for the FHF leagues, and could even include waivers. She suggested having a new website that would include all clubs as sub-sites and using the Bulldogs site as a start to facilitate the transitions. Later on this system could be applied to Calcup as well. There were comments with regards to privacy and having a passcode. ***Stephanie Schmidt then made a motion to hire League Athletics and online registration for the FHF, she was second by Joan Cicchi and the motion was passed.***

Commissioners' Reports:

CONEJO: Bob Fleming presented the following report:

Club Membership:

New members since Sept. 2009:	Juniors 18		
	Adults	<u>10</u>	
	TOTAL	28	
Total Players (spring 2010):	Juniors 63		
	Adults	<u>26</u>	
	TOTAL	89	

- 31% of our members are new players.
- Excellent recruiting in U9/12 Boys and U15/16 Girls.

Teams Registered:

Fall 2009 (4 teams): U16 Boys, U16 Girls, and Division III (Slumdogs & Bulldogs).
Spring 2010 (7 teams): U9 Mixed, U12 Mixed, U15 Boys, U19 Boys, U15 Girls,
Cal Cup 2010 (4 teams): U10 Mixed, U14 Girls, U16 Boys, and Social.
Guru Nanak (1 team): U12 Mixed

Competitive Results:

U-16 Boys – Cal Cup Bronze Medal.

U-19 Boys – National Team Selection: Ajai Dhadwal and Sean Cicchi, made our Junior National Team.

U-16 Girls - Tara Schmidt selected for Futures Regional Tournament in San Diego.

Over 80% of our Bulldogs U-14 and U-19 boys participated the VCRD regional training.

Club Operations:

- Commissioner – Bob Fleming
- Treasurer – Stephanie Schmidt
- Competitions Manager – Binh Hoang
- Equipment Manager – Open
- Communications Manager - Open

Team Operations:

Coaching – Mike Whitehead (U19 Boys), Binh Hoang (U15 Girls), Marc Ruvalcaba (U15 Boys & U15 Girls), Laurent Carter (U15 Boys), Joan Barminski (U16 Girls), Bob Fleming (U12 Mixed), and Mike LaSala (U9 Mixed).

Team Organization – Stephanie Schmidt (Girls Teams), Joan Cicchi (U19 Boys), Laurent Carter (U15 Boys), Bob Fleming (U12 Mixed & D3 Bulldogs), Mike LaSala (U9 Mixed), and Jane McGuigan (D3 Slumdogs).

Financial:

Revenue:	– Player Fees	\$14,609.00
	– Charitable Donations	<u>470.00</u>
		\$15,079.00
Expenses:	– Team Registration	\$10,740.00
	– FHF Membership	1,745.00
	– Equipment & Uniforms	1,505.78
	– Coaching & Misc.	<u>500.00</u>
		<u>\$14,490.78</u>
	NET	\$ 588.22

Bank Account Balance:	Start of Year	\$6,762.58 (9/1/2009)
	Net Change	<u>588.22</u>

VENTURA: Chris Januszewski stated the Roadrunners club did not increase the number of members but stayed the same and expressed the need of more coaching.

MOORPARK; Joe Cardiel indicated the club was going to sign-up the following teams for Fall Season: one Div II, two Div III, two U-16 B & G, one U-14 G and one U-9. He added the club had already turned in their charter and acceptance to the FHF. In addition, the club secretary Mano Aaron stated they were going to provide a financial report as soon as the books were close. With regards to the Middle School program, he informed that the players coming from this recruiting program did not stay long at the club.

Joe Cardiel also requested finding the root cause as to why Ben Maruquin and Mike Whitehead were allowed keys to the arena, and not treated the same as the rest of the club members. On a side note, Joe indicated the Moorpark club had just as many, if not more members, participating than the junior divisions. He saw favoritism and if anything else this was discouraging many of them who support the FHF with members to basically go somewhere else to seek other sports. There could be a possibility that the Moorpark club would soon drop out just like the Cougars and other clubs had.

SIMI VALLEY: Randy Sundeen reported that Simi Valley was a good market for hockey players.

HOLLYWOOD FIELD HOCKEY: Erin Creznic reported that not all high school players could play during Fall Season, even though they have very good players and about 5 full teams. This club could only play during Spring League.

ELECTIONS:

The Field Hockey Federation Board then proceeded to conduct the elections for the Executive Directors positions, the results being as follows:

President: Dave Jackson
Past President: Jackie Scally
Vice-president: Mike Whitehead
Competitions Director: Open
Secretary: Patti Niccum
Systems Director: Rob Joubert
Treasurer: Joan Cicchi
Facilities Director: George Jordan
Director of Volunteers: Tom Harris

And as Board Member: Stephanie Schmidt as webmaster

Other business:

FIELD KEYS: There were some comments with regards to the distribution of keys for access to the field that would be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND HANDBOOK: Mano Aaron suggested having a handbook that would include the Code of Conduct and could be referenced at the website as well. Besides, as suggested by Laura Kassirer, what is and is not appropriate in working with children could be part of the coaching training and part of this Code of Conduct/handbook.

FHF MANAGEMENT PLAN: Mano Aaron suggested the FHF should have a 5 year plan and set long term goals. Chris Januszewski suggested the commissioners should get together and bring ideas so this could be included in the agenda. ***So Mano Aaron made a***

motion to create this long term plan, he was second by Tom Harris and it was passed. Jackie Scally would be in charge of working with the commissioners in this regard.

FHF MEETING: It was decided that in the future all the FHF meeting will take place the **First Tuesday of the month**. There could be a possibility of having these meetings at the Thousand Oaks Library.

FHF INCOME: Dave Jackson spoke about generating more income for the FHF as could be done through advertising on the website, or increasing the fees or other.

TURF FIELD: Dave Jackson also mentioned that the turf field is showing signs of wear that's why he would contact Sportex and request the necessary repairs. Tom Harris suggested the players should use the side goals so as to avoid excessive use of the turf by the main goals.

In conclusion, the next Board of Directors Meeting was scheduled for September 7th, 2010 at a place to be convened. *Tom Harris then made a motion to adjourn which was second by Joan Cicchi, and the meeting was adjourned.*

Prepared by Elina C.Lorenzo